



Dear readers,

I am delighted to welcome everyone to the 2016/2017 issue of Res Medica.

The last 2 years have marked a significant growth period for the journal, with an editorial team continually growing and spreading across international boundaries. The constant flow of fresh talent into the journal has been a stark reminder of just how much untapped literary and journalistic potential exists within our community, and I am sincerely proud of the steps which Res Medica has taken to mine it.

In this issue we offer a diverse wealth of contributions from medical professionals at all stages of training, including original research on effectively training medical students in recognising and supporting mental health issues (*see Wilson, B. et. al*), a comprehensive systematic review on the role of statins in PCI (*see Shenoy, A. et. al*) and an intriguing and unusual case report on recurrent aspergillus endocarditis (*see Ye Beh, Y.*). In addition, we see some brilliant commissioned articles on sports medicine (*see Tierney G. et. al*) and paediatric care (*see Black, R. et. al*).

We also have a fascinating historical slant to this issue, with contributions including a review of the works of Henry Gray and John Fraser and their incredible work in trauma surgery during the Great War (*see Scotland, T.*) and, casting a glance even further into the past, a review of how the ancient Egyptians dealt with traumatic wounds, which highlights our tendency to vastly underestimate the medical prowess of ancient civilisations (*see Wade, K.*).

This issue also sees us building our ties closer to home – engaging with national student conferences from myriad disciplines to bring greater publicity to the incredible work being undertaken by our student societies. We see contributions once again from the conference of the *Royal Medical Society* and *Edinburgh Student Surgical Society*, with a new addition this year in the form of the prize-winning abstract from the *1st National Endocrinology Undergraduate Conference*.

The publication of this issue marks my last as Editor-in-Chief of this fine journal. I have no doubt that my successor will build on the solid foundation crafted by the countless, selfless, hours that our editors, reviewers and contributors have committed to making Res Medica a success. I firmly believe that 2018 holds incredible promise for the future of the journal, and I wish everyone every success in realising that ambition.

Yours faithfully,

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